

TERRITORIAL TOPICS.

RATON RANGINGS.

Rev. A. Hoffman joined in marriage Frank M. Kemplin and Miss Nair Kieffer.

Henry Ferrell, an old and respected resident of Raton, died last Thursday of cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. R. Patter delivered a lecture on Higher Physical Life, at Mrs. F. M. Darling's last Saturday, to an intelligent and appreciative audience.

Miss Benigna Romero arrived in Raton Sunday morning from Las Vegas to spend a few days with her friends, after which she will depart for her home in Clayton.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Norman, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loyd, a daughter. Manager Staples, of the depot hotel and Ed Olive are also rejoicing over the arrival of sons.

Last Thursday W. S. and Robert Reed, two of Raton's members of troop G, "rough riders," arrived home. Robert was wounded at Santiago. They both show evidences of hard service.

Tuesday the deal was consummated that transferred the large and splendid ranches of the late Capt. G. W. Cook to John Baldwin and A. Boskirk, of St. Clair county, Missouri. Consideration, \$20,000. The new owners take possession March 1st and will immediately proceed to erect the necessary buildings for an extensive cheese factory and dairy.

AMARILLO PARAGRAPHS.

The new depot at Canon City is completed and is now occupied by the agent.

Mr. Phillips returned from Roswell this week, and will remain here for some time.

A. C. Campbell, general solicitor for the Pecos Valley railway, is expected in Amarillo Saturday night.

Two more engines for the P. V. are expected to arrive this week, making eight at this end of the line.

Four thousand tons of rails for the P. V. railway will be rolled by the Illinois Steel Co. and started for Amarillo this month. This will be sufficient to complete the entire line.

Tracklaying on the P. V. railway, which is being pushed at the rate of a little over two miles a day, will be completed to Portales by Saturday night, and the entire line will be completed into Roswell before Christmas.

Percy Hagerman arrived from Colorado Springs Thursday morning, and went out to the front, returning to the Springs that night. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress being made in construction.

ELIZABETHTOWN NUGGETS.

Tom Pulliam and "Rough Rider" L. J. Connell are pushing their contract in the New Moon shaft, of the Mills tunnel property.

The Montezuma Mining and Milling company have their new shaft on the Blue Bandana down eighty feet, and the management feel much encouraged from the outlook.

The Aztec 40-stamp mill at Baldy started up Monday, with a strong force of men, which will be increased soon. This famous producer is likely to eclipse its old time record.

H. S. Shuman has sold out his interest in the Empire mine, west of town, to the other parties interested therein. W. O. Temple is the superintendent in charge of the property and is pushing the work.

The finding of a \$100 gold nugget the other day on the Gillen placers on Ute Creek, on the other side of Old Baldy, brings to the minds of old-timers similar finds on the same property. In 1874 a 6-oz. nugget, and in 1895, an 11-oz. nugget were found there. In the early days Maxwell took \$50,000 off a bench above what is now the Jackson place.

ROSWELL ITEMS.

Reports came from Lincoln that Will Ellis and Miss Bernice Friedrich were married.

All the grading camps, except Courtney's, have been moved across the Pecos, and dirt is flying on the way to the top of the divide.

Frank P. Morgan, live stock agent for the Santa Fe road, and C. C. Curtis, of Wellington, Kas., arrived the first of the week, across country from Amarillo.

Track laying was finished to the tressle over Bitter creek draw Tuesday and the pile driver was taken out Wednesday morning to put in the piling at that place.

Rev. Arthur W. Jones, who was here some three years ago, is expected in overland from the end of the P. V. extension. He has lately been holding protracted meetings in Kansas.

LAS VEGAS GAVE THANKS.

Some History and a Record as to How the Day Was Yesterday Observed.

Thanksgiving day is chiefly an American institution. After the first harvest of the New England colonists in 1621, Gov. Bradford made provision for their rejoicing specially; together with praise and prayer. In 1623 a day of fasting and prayer, in the midst of drouth, was changed into thanksgiving by the coming of rain during the prayers; gradually the custom prevailed of appointing thanksgiving annually after harvest. These appointments were by proclamation of the governors of the several New England states. During the revolution a day of national thanksgiving was annually recommended by congress. Washington recommended such a day, after the adoption of the constitution, and his example was occasionally imitated by subsequent presidents. During the rebellion, President Lincoln frequently recommended the observance of such a day after victories and made a proclamation for a national observance in 1863. Since that time such a proclamation has been annually issued, and custom has fixed on the last Thursday of November as the time. Of late years the custom of appointing a Thanksgiving day by the governors of states, long confined to New England, has been adopted through the country.

THE DAY IN LAS VEGAS.

Thanksgiving was universally observed in Las Vegas yesterday. Indeed, festivities appropriate to the occasion commenced at noon on Wednesday

when a bevy of enterprising ladies smilingly dispensed toothsome dainties over the polished counters at the Murphy-Vau Petten establishment and gathered in many shining shobies for the treasury of the guild of St. Paul's church. On Wednesday afternoon also the public schools gave elaborate musical and literary entertainments which resulted most creditably for teacher and pupil alike. Wednesday night came the delightful charity ball when Duncan's opera house presented a rare scene of beauty and fashion and the fair hands of many of Las Vegas' most stately matrons worked till tired serving refreshments to those who danced and dined and paid well for it in behalf of sweet charity.

Yesterday the customary big dinner was the event of the day. There were many dining parties. The weather was superb; a typical Thanksgiving day in New Mexico, and nearly everybody put in the afternoon walking or driving. At the Opera house Little Tom Tucker's dancing party brought out a crush of ladies and children and there the proud mothers and their little ones enjoyed the fun immensely.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches united in holding a Thanksgiving service yesterday morning. The M. E. church edifice in which the services were held was pretty well filled with an attentive audience. The pastors of the churches represented conducted the service. The Rev. E. H. Sweet, of the Baptist church, preached the Thanksgiving sermon. His subject was "The Cup of Thanksgiving," and was based upon the words of Matt. 27: 25, "He took this cup and gave thanks." The sermon was a plea for the universal thanksgiving. Whatever the ingredients that fill the cup of life, we should take the cup and give thanks for it.

AROUND THE FESTAL BOARD.

They sat to dine, as people do,
Oo glad Thanksgiving day—
He with his temper rolled, of course,
And she the other way.
"Say, this is tough!" he growled,
Griefed she: "Now, that's enough;
No matter what I cook, you brule,
You always call it tough."
"But this time, dear, 'tis not your fault,"
The ugly man began.
"For this here turkey bird you have
Existed prior to man.
And woman followed man you know;
Just please keep that in view.
So you have proved an alibi—
It can't be blamed on you."

THANKSGIVING ECHOES.

Business was almost wholly suspended yesterday afternoon.

J. H. Stearns' Thanksgiving show window was a work of art.

Prof. Miller's orchestra furnished superior music for the charity ball.

Henry Essinger returned from California just in time to tackle the turkey at his home.

Scores of young people went into the canon and skated the happy hours away—skated in their shirt sleeves.

D. C. Deuel, manager of the La Cueva ranches, got in from Mora in time to dine with Major Adin H. Whitmore.

Las Vegas consumed 10,000 pounds of poultry. That's a pound a piece for every man, woman and child in this community.

Mrs. B. M. Blauvelt and son arrived at her old home, Deshler, Ohio, in time to take Thanksgiving dinner with relatives there.

Local merchants all agree that they have enjoyed the most extensive Thanksgiving trade in history. No hard times here.

The Episcopal ladies made quite a success of their sale of Thanksgiving delicacies Wednesday, at the Murphy-Vau Petten drug store, east side, clearing over \$50.

Postmaster E. H. Salazar, of the west side received many hearty Thanksgiving congratulations yesterday, his home having been gladdened by the presence of a daughter.

Harry W. Kelly and Albert Lawrence took Thanksgiving dinner in the City of Mexico the guests of that royal gentleman A. A. Robinson, president of the Mexican Central railroad.

Miss E. Blanche Rothgeb must have doted much painstaking care and time in training the children who danced at the opera house yesterday afternoon. The affair was a splendid success from any point of view.

Daniel Ebb and M. Jefferson received from Missouri, from a brother of Al Quinly, six fine possums, a mother and five young ones. Daniel Ebb has made a custom for several years of having this old time southern dish for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

La Literaria, a society on the west side numbering about twenty members, took Thanksgiving dinner last evening at the Arcade. Thirteen were present and enjoyed themselves, doing justice to the very excellent spread.

Chief Justice Mills dined yesterday at the palatial Waddingham home in New Haven, Conn. The chief justice has been granted an additional leave of absence by the department of justice and is not expected to return here for at least ten days.

Among the many delightful dinner parties yesterday none was more dainty and exquisite in all its features than that which took place at Ed. Hamlin's hospitable home. Mrs. Hamlin entertained Rev. Geo. Selby and wife and quite a company of congenial guests.

Engineer W. A. Shaw had exceptional reasons for rejoicing yesterday, for there came to his home a special dispensation of providence in the shape of a fine, fat 12-pound boy, his first child. Frank Kilmer was likewise in luck, and is being congratulated today over the advent of a bouncing boy baby.

The big Casino hall at the Hot Springs presented a scene of mirth and jollity last night. Thanksgiving was celebrated with a mask ball in which nearly all the guests and many of the employees of the Montezuma participated. There were twenty in costume and there was fun, of course.

Probably beyond all question the best Thanksgiving dinner served in New Mexico yesterday was that which Chef John Douglas set before the patrons of the Headquarters cafe. It was a "continuous performance," so to speak from 12:30 to 11 p. m., and those who enjoyed it had many compliments for the house and its popular chef.